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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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There were 2.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Soil moisture was rated 33 percent adequate and 67 percent surplus. Pasture was rated 84 percent of normal. Farmers were delayed in their efforts to complete the cotton and soybean harvests due to the wet fields. A few more dry days are needed to complete the harvest in the remaining cotton and soybean fields. Ryegrass conditions are exceptional.

Crop Progress In Percentages					Crop Conditions In Percentages				
Crop	Event	1994	1993	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Soybeans	Harvested	99	98	98					
Wheat	Planted	97	100	98					
	Emerged	93	95	88			22	72	6
Pecans	Harvested	88	80	84	22	26	37	15	
Livestock							20	72	8

County Agent Comments

"Almost all of our crops are out of the fields. Those remaining will be difficult to harvest because fields are extremely wet. The mild temperatures have been excellent on livestock."

— Gale Chrestman, Pontotoc County

"Soil conditions remain saturated. Little or no progress has been made in the completion of the harvest and planting of wheat. Producers are planning for the coming year."

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

"Fieldwork is over this year due to the wet conditions. The yields were exceptional despite the rainy harvest season. We just got most of our crop out with near record, if not record, yields for cotton, soybeans, and corn."

— Fred W. Rose, Webster County

"Winter grazing is getting boggy on heavy soils. Dairymen have had to pull cows off and feed more forages. It's too wet to run combines."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"We received a good, slow soaking rain that should really help ryegrass fields. Cattle producers had received extended grazing days on old fields due to the mild winter, but that is probably over due to our first killing frost."

— Perry Brumfield, Lincoln County

"There is no fieldwork being done because of the saturated fields. We will need a week of dry weather before fieldwork can resume. We had the largest jack frost yet on December 12, 1994. Beef cattle farmers have their cattle on full hay and ryegrass. Some supplement is being fed."

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne County

NOTICE

This will be the last publication of the Crop Weather Report for the 1994 crop season. Publication of this report will resume March 6, 1995, reflecting conditions for the week ending March 5.

Weather Summary From 12/04/94 to 12/10/94 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Tunica	66	35	52	45	7.8	2.45	1.14	5	5.25	62	49	56	M
Clarksdale	67	44	54	45	9.1	1.59	.25	4	4.06	63	48	55	M
Cleveland	74	38	56	47	9.6	1.41	.01	5	5.25				
Extreme/Average	74	35	54	46	8.8	1.82	.47	5	4.85	63	46	56	
2. North-Central													
Memphis	63	41	55	46	8.8	3.50	2.10	5	6.21				
Holly Springs	65	39	55	43	11.6	1.74	.37	5	5.57	62	49	56	M
Oxford	63	43	56	44	11.4	1.87	.48	5	5.85				
Extreme/Average	65	39	55	44	10.6	2.37	.98	5	5.88	62	49	56	
3. Northeast													
Corinth	67	42	55	44	10.7	3.79	2.48	6	7.60				
Iuka	64	46	55	44	11.3	1.81	.41	4	5.89				
Booneville	66	44	55	44	11.2	2.15	.75	5	6.02				
Pontotoc	69	48	57	45	12.1	1.19	-.21	5	4.21	65	52	59	M
Tupelo	67	49	58	46	12.4	1.01	-.39	4	4.36				
Verona	67	49	57	46	11.9	1.41	.01	4	4.93	62	51	57	M
Extreme/Average	69	42	56	45	11.6	1.89	.51	5	5.50	65	51	58	
4. Lower Delta													
Stoneville	68	40	55	47	7.9	2.63	1.23	5	4.25	62	48	55	M
Greenwood	69	50	61	48	12.6	.63	-.71	4	2.37				
Belzoni	73	41	56	48	7.9	1.61	.24	4	2.96	69	47	61	
Rolling Fork	79	42	58	48	10.0	1.48	.22	3	2.87	71	59	64	M
Yazoo City	75	49	59	50	9.5	.99	-.51	5	4.89				
Extreme/Average	79	40	58	48	9.6	1.47	.09	4	3.47	71	47	60	
5. Central													
Winona	69	44	57	45	11.6	1.20	-.23	4	3.38				
Carthage	70	46	60	48	11.5	.45	-.89	3	3.68				
Jackson	76	46	61	50	11.4	.57	-.76	3	3.35				
Extreme/Average	76	44	59	48	11.5	.74	-.63	3	3.47				
6. East-Central													
State University	69	48	59	47	12.4	.83	-.48	6	3.60	M	M	M	M
Columbus	69	53	61	47	14.5	.75	-.59	4	4.06				
Brooksville	71	53	62	47	15.6	.81	-.42	2	5.17				
Extreme/Average	71	48	61	47	14.2	.80	-.50	4	4.28	M	M	M	
7. Southwest													
Vicksburg	79	49	60	51	9.2	.51	-.92	3	1.75				
Oakley	80	43	59	49	9.6	1.00	-.33	3	3.36	72	51	61	
Crystal Springs	79	48	60	49	11.1	.87	-.53	3	4.49	67	51	59	
Alcorn				49		M	M	M	M				
Natchez	78	44	59	53	5.7	1.57	.01	4	6.14				
Extreme/Average	80	43	60	50	8.9	.99	-.44	3	3.93	72	51	60	
8. South-Central													
McComb	79	47	64	52	12.1	.70	-.76	3	3.99				
Columbia	79	48	64	52	12.0	1.18	-.33	3	4.95				
Extreme/Average	79	47	64	52	12.1	.94	-.54	3	4.47				
9. Southeast													
Newton	72	45	61	48	12.6	1.52	.19	4	6.80	64	53	58	
Meridian	75	47	64	50	13.4	1.03	-.35	3	7.24				
Laurel	75	48	62	50	12.1	1.12	-.23	3	5.58				
Hattiesburg	78	49	64	52	13.0	.41	-.99	3	4.87				
Beaumont	79	42	61	52	9.9	.03	-1.29	1	5.68	M	M	M	
Extreme/Average	79	42	62	50	12.2	.82	-.53	3	6.03	64	53	58	M
10. Coastal													
Poplarville	78	53	65	53	11.4	.44	-.97	4	5.64	76	60	66	M
Bay St. Louis	79	52	63	54	9.6	.00	-1.32	0	4.65				
Gulfport	71	51	62	56	6.7	.13	-1.12	1	9.61				
Biloxi	75	54	66	56	9.4	.05	-1.14	2	8.59				
Pascagoula	73	51	64	55	9.0	.10	-.95	1	6.63				
Extreme/Average	79	51	64	55	9.2	.14	-1.10	2	7.00	76	60	66	M
State Averages			59	49	10.7	1.19	-.17		5.02			59	M
State Extremes					Location					Date			
Greatest one day precipitation					2.50					Corinth			
Greatest weekly precipitation					3.79					Corinth			
Maximum air temperature					80					Oakley			
Minimum air temperature					35					Tunica			
Maximum soil temperature					76					Poplarville			
Minimum soil temperature					47					Belzoni			
Greatest weekly pan evaporation					M					12/10/94			

Abbreviations:

Max = Maximum
 Min = Minimum
 Ave = Average
 Norm = Normal
 DFN = Departure From Normal
 Evap = Evaporation
 M = Missing

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